

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:694

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RAIL CORRIDOR BETWEEN DELHI-MUMBAI AND DELHI-HOWRAH

Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of Japanese Prime Minister, any proposal to build a \$5 billion east-west rail corridor between Delhi - Mumbai and Delhi - Howrah to promote India's infrastructure was discussed; and

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken and the steps being taken in pursuance thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): During the recent visit of Japanese Prime Minister in April 2005, both India and Japan confirmed their intention to examine the feasibility of proposals for dedicated multi-modal high axle load freight corridors with computerized train control system on Mumbai-Delhi and Delhi-Howrah routes utilizing the Special Terms for Economic Partnership (STEP) Scheme with inputs of Japanese technology and expertise. Ministry of Railways as a follow up has assigned a detailed feasibility study to M/s RITES (Rail India Technical and Economic Services) for the project.